

## **OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 22, 2014**

#### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm on September 24, 2014 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

**Present:** Albert Lavigne, Patricia St.Pierre, Mike Cosetta and Peter Leone; Chief Joe Bertholic; Commissioners Ed Bertholic Warren Steere and Tom Demers; and Clerk Anne Chretien.

**Absent:** Alice Lavigne and Richard Nolan

#### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived and accepted.

**Motion** to accept the minutes was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **B. Commissioners Report**

- Craig Haddad has replaced some outside lights and we are all set over the bay doors. We need to do something about the outside light in the parking lot on the office side of the building. Pete Leone offered that he might have some bulbs for the light.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Mike Cosetta. Seconded by Albert Lavigne. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **C. Chief's Report**

- Runs for the month was 52. (See attached report.)
- We are still averaging 4 persons per run.
- Call pay started Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, but it is still too early to tell if it is making a difference with response to runs.
- Rescue 1 maintenance has been completed by Scott's Mobile and paid for by Nasonville Fire District. This is because the NFD used Rescue 1 for a few weeks.

- The specs for the new rescue should be completed in the next two weeks.
- We had been looking to replace the forestry brush truck. We got a call from State Forestry to say that there was a decent truck at Fort Devens if we were interested. I went with another member of the department to look at it and decided to take it back to the station. It is in good shape, good battery, tires are good we just need to give it a paint job. It shifts and drives easily. Once in service we will return the other brush truck to the state.
- Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Pat St.Pierre and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **D. Tax Assessors Report**

- Approved 3 abatements and billed the new owners.
- Mike Cosetta will talk with the tax- payer that wants a street light on his property but will not offer this program to others. If any other tax- payer is interested it would be on a case by case basis.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors report was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Patricia St.Pierre
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **E. Tax Collectors Report**

- Collections from 9/1/2014 to 08/31/2015 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$73,373.58 as of October 22, 2014. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$323,997.86. See attached report.
- About 1,280 tax bills for the new fiscal tax year were mailed 10/3/2014.
- Dealing with some "undeliverable" due to Mapleville Post Office not handling the delivery of mail in the area. Harrisville PO is now handling delivery.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **F. Treasurers Report**

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- Records for September 2013- August 2014 have been brought to the auditor, Carlucci & Dugan in Lincoln.
- The State of Rhode Island, Auditor General's Office, has been in contact with the clerk looking for our reports and the passed budget for 2014-15. I have been

working on these reports and will be submitting them soon. I also have a chart from the state that shows when these reports are due in 2015.

- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Albert Lavigne.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **G. Old Business**

- By-Laws committee did not meet in October.
- A letter from Direct Energy was received regarding the new contract for locking in a fixed supply rate for the coming years. The Town of Burrillville will be working with Direct Energy to set the rate. They have requested, in writing, our intention to continue with Direct Energy or not.
- Motion was made by Mike Cosetta to continue with Direct Energy and allow the Town of Burrillville to negotiate on the districts behalf. Seconded by Pat St.Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.
- Bob L'Esperance visited with Alice Lavigne regarding her membership on the committee. Alice is now a resident of Overlook Nursing Home and unable to perform her duties. It was agreed that she would stay on as an honorary member and will be replaced when her term is up in September 2015. There is a person who is interested in replacing her on the committee and will be invited to attend the next few monthly meetings to see if the interest is still there.

#### **H. New Business**

No new business

- **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Peter Leone.

Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk